

Page 4 of the AMENDED SHEET, between lines 6 and 7,
insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 6, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following
heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 6, between lines 29 and 30, insert the following
heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) Method for protecting data communication
traffic through a communication link between a first
communication station (11) and a second communication station
(12), in which the data is dispatched according to a data
protocol from the second communication station to the first
communication station, comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving the data from the second communication
station (12) in a data communication protection device (10);

(ii) comparing the data protocol of the data with at
least one standardized protocol in the data communication
protection device (10), characterized by

(iii) providing the data communication protection
device (10) in the communication link, the data from the second
communication station (12) to the first communication station